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SUBJECT: LIMON PARALYZED BY STRIKE

1. JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 16 THE ATLANTIC COAST CITY OF LIMON WAS CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY BY A WIDERANGING STRIKE WHICH AFFECTS NOT ONLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION BUT THE DOCKS, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THE STRIKE HAD BEEN BREWING FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS IN A NORMAL FASHION FOR THE PERENNIALY DISGRUNTLED LIMONENSES AND IT WAS FULLY EXPECTED UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 14 THAT THE CITY WOULD NOT BE FULLY SHUT DOWN. EARLY THIS WEEK WHEN STRIKE ACTION APPEARED IMMINENT, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO SEND DOWN A DELEGATION OF MINISTERS TO TALK OUT THE PROBLEM WITH THE STRIKE LEADERS, BUT REPORTEDLY THE MINISTERS WERE HECKLED AND NOT PERMITTED A DIALOGUE UNLESS LEGAL MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT PROMISES WOULD BE FULFILLED. ORIGINALLY, THE STRIKE WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNED TO LAST ONLY ONE DAY BUT REPORTS NOW

INDICATE THAT STRIKE LEADERS PLAN TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THE PARALYSIS UNTIL A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT IS REACHED.

2. THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ONES THAT THE CITIZENS OF LIMON ALWAYS COMPLAIN ABOUT WITH GOOD REASON AND WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS IN THE PAST MANAGED TO HANDLE AND AVERT STRIKES THROUGH DIALOGUE AND PROMISES. THESE ISSUES INCLUDE POOR STREET CONDITIONS; LACK OF HEALTH FACILITIES, UNEMPLOYMENT; EXTENSIVE PROSTITUTION; AND INADEQUATE HOUSING. IT APPEARS THAT ALL OF THE LIMON-BASED LABOR UNIONS ARE INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE EVEN THOUGH REPORTS SUGGEST THAT THE STRIKE COMMITTEE IS LED BY SOME LEFTISTS.

3. APRIL 16 PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE GUARDIA CIVIL HAS DEPLOYED PUBLIC FORCES TO THE AREA PRINCIPALLY TO PROTECT THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM TO THE CENTRAL PLATEAU FROM THE RECOPE REFINERY SITUATED IN LIMON. THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENCE REPORTED AS YET, BUT ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE MOOD IN THE CITY IS UGLY, WITH STUDENTS CONTROLLING THE CENTER OF THE CITY, BARRICADES ACROSS THE STREETS, AND BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AT A STANDSTILL.  
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